


		NTSB ID: MIA04WA063		Aircraft Registration Number: V3-HGB	
		Occurrence Date: 03/20/2004		Most Critical Injury: None	
		Occurrence Type: Accident		Investigated By:	
Location/Time					
Nearest City/Place Punta Gorda		State	Zip Code	Local Time 1159	Time Zone CST
Airport Proximity:		Distance From Landing Facility:		Direction From Airport:	
Aircraft Information Summary					
Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna		Model/Series C208B		Type of Aircraft Airplane	
Sightseeing Flight: No			Air Medical Transport Flight: No		
Narrative					
<p>Brief narrative statement of facts, conditions and circumstances pertinent to the accident/incident:</p> <p>On March 20, 2004, about 1159 center standard time, a Cessna C208B, V3-HGB, of Belize registration and operated by Tropical Air Limited, a commercial airlines, in a repositioning flight, experienced a loss of engine power and ditched about 2 miles off the shores of Punta Gorda airstrip, Belize. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed at the time and flight plan information is not known. The commercial-rated pilot, the sole occupant, received no injuries and the airplane incurred substantial damage. The flight was originating at the time.</p> <p>Information from Tropical Air Limited states, 5 minutes into the flight to Placencia airstrip at 1,500 feet the pilot reported he experienced a loss of engine power and the airplane could not maintain altitude. The pilot ditched the airplane in the sea near the shore.</p> <p>The accident investigation is under the jurisdiction of the Government of Belize. Any further information pertaining to this accident may be obtained from:</p> <p>Department of Civil Aviation P. O. Box 367 Belize City, Belize Fax: 011-501-225-2533</p> <p>This report is for informational purposes only and contains only information obtained for or released by the Government of the Belize.</p>					
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<b>Landing Facility/Approach Information</b>						
Airport Name		Airport ID:	Airport Elevation Ft. MSL	Runway Used	Runway Length	Runway Width
Runway Surface Type:						
Runway Surface Condition:						
Type Instrument Approach:						
VFR Approach/Landing:						
<b>Aircraft Information</b>						
Aircraft Manufacturer Cessna		Model/Series C208B		Serial Number		
Airworthiness Certificate(s):						
Landing Gear Type:						
Homebuilt Aircraft? No	Number of Seats:	Certified Max Gross Wt. LBS		Number of Engines:		
Engine Type:	Engine Manufacturer:	Model/Series:		Rated Power:		
<b>- Aircraft Inspection Information</b>						
Type of Last Inspection	Date of Last Inspection	Time Since Last Inspection Hours		Airframe Total Time Hours		
<b>- Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Information</b>						
ELT Installed?	ELT Operated?	ELT Aided in Locating Accident Site?				
<b>Owner/Operator Information</b>						
Registered Aircraft Owner		Street Address				
		City	State	Zip Code		
Operator of Aircraft Tropic Air Limited		Street Address				
		City San Perdo	State	Zip Code		
Operator Does Business As: P.O. Box 20				Operator Designator Code:		
<b>- Type of U.S. Certificate(s) Held: None</b>						
Air Carrier Operating Certificate(s):						
Operating Certificate:			Operator Certificate:			
Regulation Flight Conducted Under: Non-U.S., Non-Commercial						
Type of Flight Operation Conducted: Positioning						
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<b>First Pilot Information</b>										
Name		City		State	Date of Birth	Age				
On File										
Sex:	Seat Occupied:	Principal Profession:		Certificate Number: On File						
Certificate(s):										
Airplane Rating(s):										
Rotorcraft/Glider/LTA:										
Instrument Rating(s):										
Instructor Rating(s):										
Type Rating/Endorsement for Accident/Incident Aircraft?				Current Biennial Flight Review?						
Medical Cert.:		Medical Cert. Status:		Date of Last Medical Exam:						
<b>- Flight Time Matrix</b>	All A/C	This Make and Model	Airplane Single Engine	Airplane Multi-Engine	Night	Instrument Actual Simulated	Rotorcraft	Glider	Lighter Than Air	
Total Time										
Pilot In Command(PIC)										
Instructor										
Last 90 Days										
Last 30 Days										
Last 24 Hours										
Seatbelt Used?		Shoulder Harness Used?		Toxicology Performed?		Second Pilot?				
<b>Flight Plan/Itinerary</b>										
Type of Flight Plan Filed: Unknown										
Departure Point					State	Airport Identifier	Departure Time	Time Zone		
Punta Gorda						PND				
Destination					State	Airport Identifier				
Placencia						PLJ				
Type of Clearance:										
Type of Airspace:										
<b>Weather Information</b>										
Source of Briefing:										
Method of Briefing:										
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<b>Weather Information</b>					
WOF ID	Observation Time	Time Zone	WOF Elevation	WOF Distance From Accident Site	Direction From Accident Site
MZBZ	1200		Ft. MSL	NM	Deg. Mag.
Sky/Lowest Cloud Condition: Scattered			2400 Ft. AGL		Condition of Light:
Lowest Ceiling: Broken		30000 Ft. AGL		Visibility: 10 SM	Altimeter: 30.05 "Hg
Temperature: 29 °C	Dew Point: 22 °C	Wind Direction: 60			Density Altitude: Ft.
Wind Speed: 13	Gusts:	Weather Conditions at Accident Site: Visual Conditions			
Visibility (RVR): Ft.	Visibility (RVV)	SM	Intensity of Precipitation:		
Restrictions to Visibility:					
Type of Precipitation:					

<b>Accident Information</b>					
Aircraft Damage:		Aircraft Fire:		Aircraft Explosion	
Classification:					

- Injury Summary Matrix	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	TOTAL
First Pilot				1	1
Second Pilot					
Student Pilot					
Flight Instructor					
Check Pilot					
Flight Engineer					
Cabin Attendants					
Other Crew					
Passengers					
- TOTAL ABOARD -				1	1
Other Ground					
- GRAND TOTAL -				1	1

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Administrative Information		
<p>Investigator-In-Charge (IIC)</p> <p>Jeffrey L. Kennedy</p>		
<p>Additional Persons Participating in This Accident/Incident Investigation:</p> <p>Javier Rodriguez FAA Miami International</p>		
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